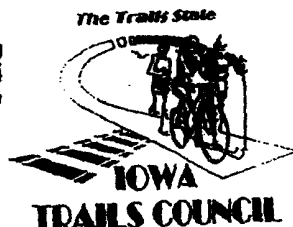
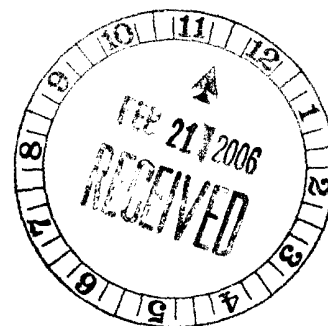


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Dear Secretary Williams

This is with reference to AB-33 (Sub No. 201X) and our application for permission to negotiate for the acquisition of the railroad right-of-way between Hampton and Coulter in Franklin County, Iowa. The time that has been allotted to us for these negotiations will expire on February 28, 2006.

We are asking for another 180 day period in which to complete these negotiations. as we have, as yet been unable to do so. Negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad are continuing and I believe the railroad is agreeable to a extended period for these negotiations.

We do hope to finalize an agreement to acquire this corridor for use as a trail within the next 180 day period, when that additional time is granted.

Ten copies of this letter are being provided to your office and a copy of this petition is being sent to the Chicago and Omaha offices of the Union Pacific Railroad, with the request that they acknowledge the willingness of the railroad to continue these negotiations.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan